

1 AN ACT concerning tourism.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Community
5 Affairs Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by changing Section 605-705 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-705) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.6a)

8 Sec. 605-705. Grants to local tourism and convention
9 bureaus.

10 (a) To establish a grant program for local tourism and
11 convention bureaus. The Department of Commerce and Community
12 Affairs will develop and implement a program for the use of
13 funds, as authorized under this Act, by local tourism and
14 convention bureaus. For the purposes of this Act, bureaus
15 eligible to receive funds are defined as those bureaus in
16 legal existence as of January 1, 1985 that are either a unit
17 of local government or incorporated as a not-for-profit
18 organization, are affiliated with at least one municipality
19 or county, and employ one full time staff person whose
20 purpose is to promote tourism. Each bureau receiving funds
21 under this Act will be certified by the Department as the
22 designated recipient to serve an area of the State. These
23 funds may not be used in support of the Chicago World's Fair.

24 (b) To distribute grants to local tourism and convention
25 bureaus from appropriations made from the Local Tourism Fund
26 for that purpose. Of the amounts appropriated annually to
27 the Department for expenditure under this Section, one-third
28 of those monies shall be used for grants to convention and
29 tourism bureaus in cities with a population greater than
30 500,000. The remaining two-thirds of the annual
31 appropriation shall be used for grants to convention and

1 tourism bureaus in the remainder of the State, in accordance
2 with a formula based upon the population served. The
3 Department may reserve up to 10% of the total appropriated to
4 conduct audits of grants, to provide incentive funds to those
5 bureaus that will conduct promotional activities designed to
6 further the Department's statewide advertising campaign, to
7 fund special statewide promotional activities, and to fund
8 promotional activities that support an increased use of the
9 State's parks or historic sites.

10 (Source: P.A. 90-26, eff. 7-1-97; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00;
11 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; revised 8-4-99.)